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-- Chilean President Pinochet has announced that he has granted amnesty to all persons convicted by military courts. He also announced that the sentences of two Air Force officers convicted in 1974 of plotting against the government have been commuted to exile and that the two men will be leaving for Europe soon. *Their exile means that the government has released all of the prominent prisoners being held for political crimes. With the promised mass release of the remaining political prisoners, the long-festering issue will--from the government's point of view--be essentially resolved. At least one international human rights organization (Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration) is prepared to announce that Chile has made real progress on the human rights issue.*

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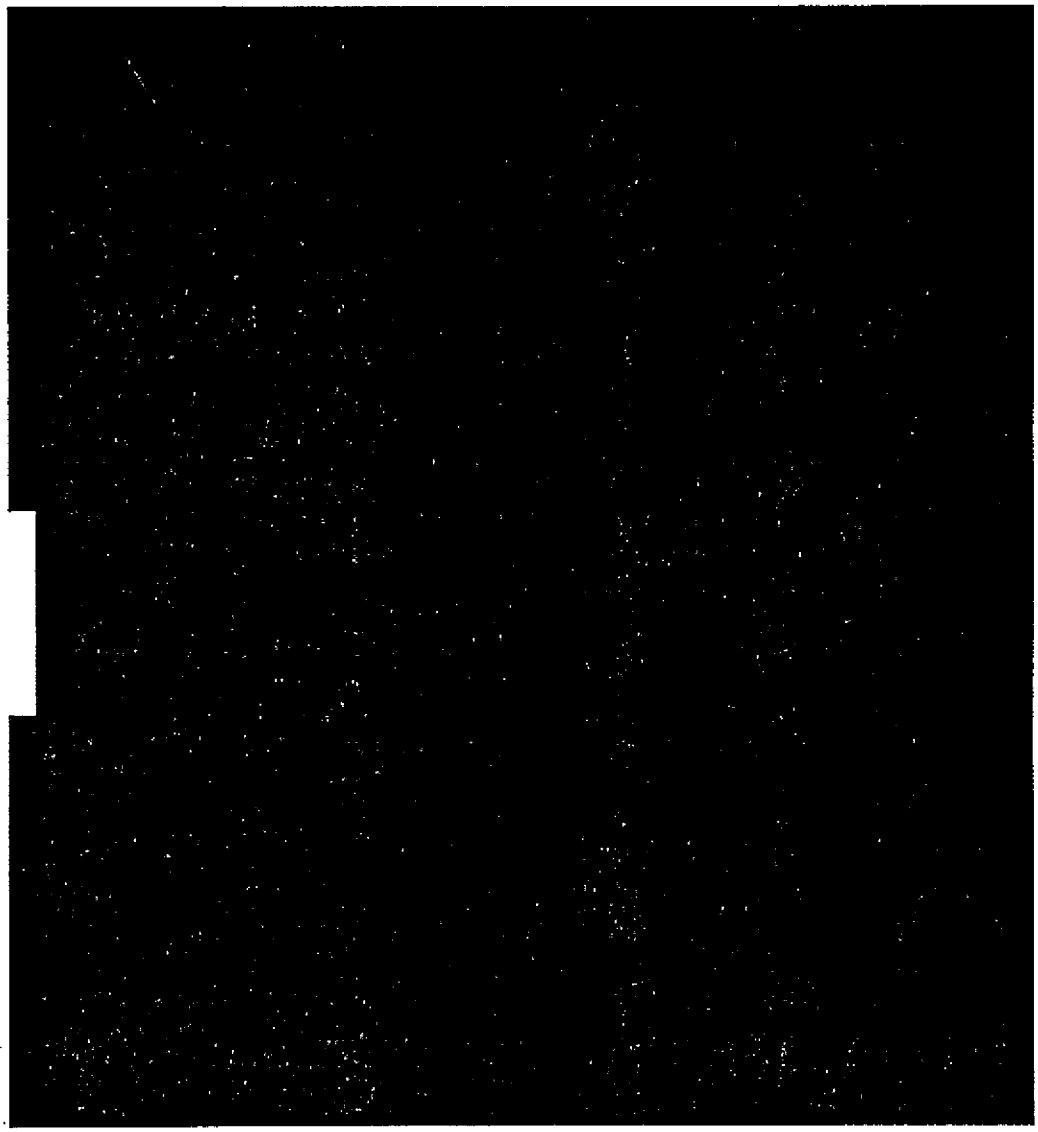

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